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Minnesota's Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate Drops to Lowest Level Since Adjustments Began in 1978

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.4 percent in July, down from 3.6 percent in June and 5.1 percent a year ago. July's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is the lowest since such adjustments began in 1978.

Meanwhile, the corresponding national rate rose slightly, from 6 percent in June to 6.1 percent in July. But it is still down from a year ago when the seasonally adjusted national rate stood at 6.8 percent.

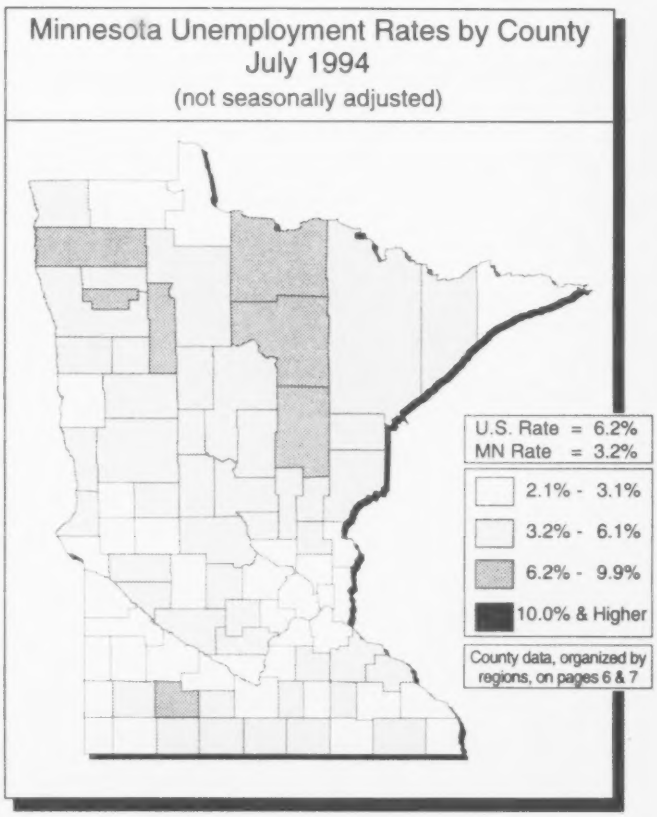
The unadjusted unemployment rate for Minnesota tapered off steeply, to 3.2 percent in July. That is down from 3.9 percent in June and from 4.8 percent in July 1993. Nationally, the unadjusted rate remained at 6.2 percent in July, but down from 6.9 percent a year ago.

The seven-county metro area had the lowest average unemployment rate, 2.7 percent, and the Arrowhead region was highest at 5.5 percent. Even so, every region in the state enjoyed a reduction in their average unemployment rates, with the exception of southwestern Minnesota, which was hurt by layoffs at a manufacturing plant.

Clearwater County had the highest unemployment rate, 9.6 percent, and Pipestone County the lowest, 2.1 percent.

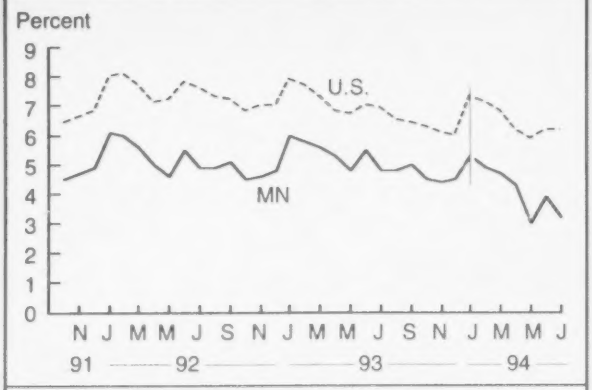
According to a separate monthly survey of employers, some 63,000 nonfarm wage and salary jobs were opened up in Minnesota from July, 1993 to July, 1994. This 2.8 percent boost in jobs is slightly better than the 2.7 percent increase for the nation over the same period.

More than 25,000 new service jobs were created during the year, with business services making up just under a third of them. The trade, government, and manufacturing industries also provided large numbers of new jobs over the past year.


Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
July 1994
(not seasonally adjusted)
U.S. Rate = 6.2%
MN Rate = 3.2%
2.1% - 3.1%
3.2% - 6.1%
6.2% - 9.9%
10.0% & Higher
County data, organized by regions, on pages 6 & 7

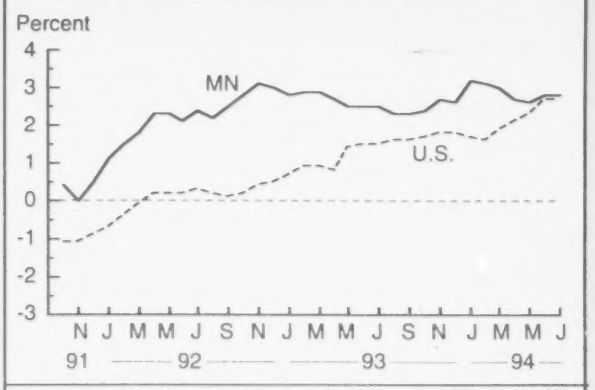
Nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell by 26,800 from June to July. But this is a normal drop in employment because teachers and other school employees, as well as school bus drivers, generally take the summer off. On the other side of the coin, the filling of summer jobs in the canneries put the manufacturing employment at a seasonal high.

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Starting in January 1994 the unemployment rate is based on new survey methodology.

Total Nonfarm Jobs: U.S. and MN Percent Change From Year Ago



Minnesota's Job Growth In July Is Better Than The Nation's

▲ In July, **Minnesota's** annual growth rate in new jobs was 2.8 percent, an increase of 63,000 jobs since July, 1993. This compares to a 2.7 percent growth rate nationwide in July. All major industry groups posted annual gains, with the services industry recording the largest increase (25,000 jobs). Trade added 14,600 jobs, while manufacturing added 8,900 new jobs since last July.

▲ In the **Twin Cities** area the annual growth rate was 2.5 percent. Of the 35,900 nonfarm jobs generated, 16,300 were in services. Business services had 6,000 jobs, and 2,600 of those new jobs were in personnel supply services (temporary help agencies). Amusement and recreation services added 3,100 new jobs and health services 2,150 jobs since July, 1993. Trade was up by 8,250 jobs over the year (a 2.4 percent increase) and manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE) created 2,300 jobs and 2,500 jobs, respectively.

▲ The **St. Cloud** area added approximately 1,700 jobs for an annual increase of 2.2 percent. Manufacturing was the biggest gainer with nearly 600 new jobs while both services and trade each had 400 new jobs.

▲ The **Rochester** area lost 100 jobs over the year, a -0.1 percent decrease. A gain of 800 jobs in retail trade was negated by the loss of 800 manufacturing jobs.

▲ Total nonfarm employment in the **Duluth-Superior** area was at the same level it was one year ago. Although mining and trade showed positive gains, losses in transportation, hospitals and government over the year were significant.

▲ The **Fargo-Moorhead** area gained 2,150 new jobs for a 2.6 percent increase since last July. Nearly half of this gain was in local government (900 jobs), while retail trade produced 300 and mining and construction also produced 300 new jobs.

▲ The **Grand Forks-East Grand Forks** area took top honors this month for annual growth rate with a 3.1 percent increase from July, 1993 (1,400 jobs). There were 400 new jobs in services, 500 in local government, 300 in mining and construction and 200 new jobs in manufacturing.

Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jul 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,303.2	2,330.0	2,240.2	-1.2	2.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	519.8	514.3	509.5	1.1	2.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.6	-1.5	723.97	689.60	44.8	43.1	16.16	16.00
Metal Mining	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.5	-3.0	735.38	715.23	44.3	41.9	16.60	17.07
Construction	91.8	89.8	90.3	2.2	1.7	754.81	727.20	41.0	40.4	18.41	18.00
Manufacturing	419.9	416.4	411.0	0.8	2.2	514.55	496.94	41.0	40.8	12.55	12.18
Durable Goods	238.2	237.5	233.7	0.3	1.9	524.95	509.23	41.4	41.1	12.68	12.39
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	25.9	25.7	24.8	0.7	4.2	546.61	526.14	40.4	39.5	13.53	13.32
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	9.3	9.2	9.0	1.3	3.4	598.95	606.09	45.0	45.4	13.31	13.35
Primary Metals	6.2	6.4	6.0	-3.6	2.2	564.61	565.50	43.1	43.4	13.10	13.03
Fabricated Metals	31.2	31.5	31.7	-1.1	-1.8	568.42	557.24	41.4	41.4	13.73	13.46
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	76.6	76.4	76.2	0.2	0.5	579.90	556.78	41.6	41.0	13.94	13.58
Computer and Office Equipment	30.9	30.6	31.5	1.1	-2.1	625.92	664.10	41.7	41.3	15.01	16.08
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	31.9	31.5	31.0	1.2	2.9	417.37	409.70	40.6	41.3	10.28	9.92
Transportation Equipment	12.8	12.7	11.9	0.4	7.3	498.19	483.44	41.9	40.9	11.89	11.82
Instruments and Related Products	34.8	34.4	34.8	0.9	-0.3	466.80	454.72	41.2	40.6	11.33	11.20
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.7	9.7	8.2	0.5	18.8	423.74	406.38	39.9	39.0	10.62	10.42
Nondurable Goods	181.7	178.9	177.3	1.6	2.5	501.80	481.16	40.5	40.4	12.39	11.91
Food and Beverage Products	53.4	51.8	52.7	3.2	1.3	441.91	423.46	41.3	40.6	10.70	10.43
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.3	5.4	5.2	-0.1	2.8	357.59	334.28	38.7	38.6	9.24	8.66
Paper and Allied Products	33.9	33.5	33.8	1.2	0.2	641.91	619.50	41.9	42.2	15.32	14.68
Printing and Publishing	55.7	55.1	53.3	0.9	4.4	484.36	456.44	37.9	38.1	12.78	11.98
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	13.3	13.1	13.2	1.7	0.8	696.87	669.24	43.5	42.9	16.02	15.60
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	20.1	20.0	19.1	0.3	5.3	460.93	453.70	41.6	41.7	11.08	10.88
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,783.3	1,815.7	1,730.7	-1.8	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	108.8	110.1	108.2	-1.2	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	74.2	75.5	73.8	-1.7	0.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	29.0	28.5	29.0	1.7	-0.1	425.96	403.68	38.1	34.8	11.18	11.60
Communications and Utilities	34.5	34.6	34.4	-0.2	0.3	665.86	677.60	38.4	38.5	17.34	17.60
Trade	554.0	555.5	539.4	-0.3	2.7	282.45	276.54	29.7	29.8	9.51	9.28
Wholesale Trade	136.9	136.6	132.1	0.2	3.7	484.82	465.08	38.6	38.5	12.56	12.08
Retail Trade	417.1	418.9	407.3	-0.4	2.4	221.13	220.32	27.0	27.2	8.19	8.10
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	19.3	19.4	18.4	-0.5	4.7	392.73	376.84	35.8	36.2	10.97	10.41
General Merchandise Stores	56.1	56.4	55.0	-0.5	1.9	235.02	227.56	29.6	29.4	7.94	7.74
Food Stores	57.6	57.4	57.1	0.3	0.9	248.16	262.25	28.2	29.4	8.80	8.92
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	46.1	46.5	44.8	-0.9	2.8	350.11	347.19	35.4	35.5	9.89	9.78
Apparel and Accessories Stores	20.0	19.8	19.2	0.7	4.2	171.83	153.64	23.7	23.6	7.25	6.51
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	17.1	16.9	16.0	0.8	6.8	318.48	342.88	32.3	32.5	9.86	10.55
Eating and Drinking Places	144.6	145.5	141.7	-0.6	2.1	133.98	133.76	21.3	21.3	6.29	6.28
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	139.9	139.9	137.0	0.0	2.1						
Finance	63.6	63.7	61.5	-0.1	3.4						
Insurance	53.1	53.0	51.8	0.1	2.4						
Real Estate	23.2	23.2	23.7	0.2	-1.8						
Services	645.1	644.0	619.8	0.2	4.1						
Personal Services	23.9	24.1	23.7	-0.5	1.1						
Business Service	121.1	120.2	112.1	0.8	8.0						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.4	24.2	23.3	0.7	4.5						
Health Services	186.7	186.1	184.3	0.3	1.3						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.9	47.9	46.7	0.1	2.6						
Hospitals	55.6	55.7	56.2	-0.1	-1.0						
Legal Services	16.7	16.6	16.5	0.1	0.7						
Private Educational Services	26.0	27.5	26.4	-5.5	-1.5						
Government	335.6	366.3	326.2	-8.4	2.9						
Federal Government	34.1	34.3	34.1	-0.4	0.1						
State Government	75.3	82.6	73.3	-8.9	2.7						
State Government Education	36.7	44.5	35.3	-17.5	3.8						
Local Government	226.1	249.4	218.7	-9.3	3.4						
Local Government Education	105.9	131.7	100.3	-19.6	5.5						

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TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,487.7	1,499.2	1,451.7	-0.8	2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	325.5	322.6	322.7	0.9	0.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.8	11.5	882.44	861.72	48.3	47.9	18.27	17.99
Construction	54.4	52.5	54.0	3.5	0.8	812.76	792.00	39.9	39.6	20.37	20.00
Manufacturing	270.5	269.5	268.2	0.4	0.9	544.41	529.99	41.4	40.8	13.15	12.99
Durable Goods	156.9	156.4	155.9	0.3	0.6	557.61	546.31	41.8	41.2	13.34	13.26
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	10.7	10.5	10.2	1.8	5.1	635.30	587.13	41.2	38.5	15.42	15.25
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.6	687.66	762.57	47.1	47.9	14.60	15.92
Primary Metals	4.8	4.9	4.6	-2.8	3.8	575.52	576.85	43.6	43.8	13.20	13.17
Fabricated Metals	23.2	23.6	24.2	-1.8	-3.9	619.04	602.57	42.4	41.3	14.60	14.59
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	52.1	51.9	52.4	0.3	-0.6	584.40	574.24	41.3	40.9	14.15	14.04
Computer and Office Equipment	18.7	18.8	19.5	-0.6	-4.3	603.72	684.11	38.7	40.1	15.60	17.06
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.8	19.6	18.7	1.3	5.9	435.35	427.01	41.7	41.7	10.44	10.24
Transportation Equipment	5.5	5.4	5.3	1.2	2.4	677.98	625.83	43.6	41.2	15.55	15.19
Instruments and Related Products	31.2	31.0	31.3	0.4	-0.5	496.49	484.26	41.1	40.9	12.08	11.84
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	6.2	6.1	5.9	1.7	4.8	454.72	463.63	39.2	39.9	11.60	11.62
Nondurable Goods	113.7	113.1	112.3	0.5	1.2	528.49	509.85	41.0	40.4	12.89	12.62
Food and Beverage Products	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.3	0.2	536.24	528.53	45.1	43.5	11.89	12.15
Paper and Allied Products	26.4	26.2	26.7	0.5	-1.2	571.29	531.85	41.1	40.2	13.90	13.23
Printing and Publishing	39.6	39.4	38.4	0.4	3.0	480.15	464.56	37.6	37.8	12.77	12.29
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.1	11.8	12.0	2.4	0.9	733.22	714.60	44.6	43.6	16.44	16.39
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.9	12.9	12.6	-0.3	1.9	487.62	458.97	42.0	41.2	11.61	11.14
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,162.2	1,176.6	1,129.1	-1.2	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	77.0	77.5	76.2	-0.7	1.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	55.5	55.8	54.5	-0.6	1.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	18.7	18.6	18.6	0.5	1.0	451.88	419.34	37.1	33.9	12.18	12.37
Communications and Utilities	21.5	21.7	21.7	-0.8	-0.6	670.68	681.00	37.7	37.5	17.79	18.16
Trade	352.0	353.4	343.8	-0.4	2.4	321.63	304.98	30.2	29.9	10.65	10.20
Wholesale Trade	90.3	89.8	88.3	0.5	2.3	540.64	513.77	38.7	38.6	13.97	13.31
Retail Trade	261.7	263.6	255.5	-0.7	2.4	252.45	239.36	27.5	27.2	9.18	8.80
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	10.9	11.2	10.4	-2.3	5.4	442.00	433.31	34.0	35.2	13.00	12.31
General Merchandise Stores	36.5	36.9	36.0	-1.3	1.3	264.63	254.26	29.7	29.6	8.91	8.59
Food Stores	32.9	33.0	32.3	-0.3	1.8	290.18	287.33	29.4	30.6	9.87	9.39
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	26.6	26.9	25.5	-0.9	4.5	430.78	406.25	37.2	37.1	11.58	10.95
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.6	13.7	13.5	-0.8	1.2	185.42	154.08	25.4	24.0	7.30	6.42
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.7	11.6	10.8	1.1	8.1	382.36	423.14	31.6	32.7	12.10	12.94
Eating and Drinking Places	93.1	93.7	91.2	-0.6	2.1	162.79	143.87	22.3	20.7	7.30	6.95
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	111.1	110.9	108.6	0.1	2.3						
Finance	47.8	47.8	46.0	0.2	4.0						
Insurance	44.8	44.5	44.2	0.6	1.3						
Real Estate	18.4	18.6	18.4	-1.0	0.3						
Services	426.0	424.4	409.7	0.4	4.0						
Personal Services	16.7	16.7	16.5	-0.3	1.1						
Business Services	100.3	99.2	94.3	1.1	6.4						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	18.2	18.0	17.1	1.1	5.9						
Health Services	109.1	108.7	107.0	0.4	2.0						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	25.9	26.0	25.4	-0.3	2.3						
Hospitals	33.5	33.4	33.9	0.3	-1.0						
Legal Services	13.4	13.5	13.3	-0.5	1.0						
Private Educational Services	15.3	15.8	15.1	-3.5	1.2						
Government	196.2	210.4	190.8	-6.8	2.8						
Federal Government	22.3	22.3	21.8	-0.1	2.3						
State Government	52.3	57.4	50.6	-8.9	3.2						
State Government Education	27.5	32.7	26.3	-15.9	4.5						
Local Government	121.6	130.7	118.4	-7.0	2.7						
Local Government Education	60.4	70.8	57.6	-14.7	4.9						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA and Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	St. Cloud MSA					Rochester MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	76,270	77,945	74,601	-2.1	2.2	69,883	70,656	69,981	-1.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	18,513	18,391	17,718	0.7	4.5	13,848	13,652	14,676	1.4	-5.6
Construction and Mining	4,029	3,910	3,807	3.0	5.8	2,520	2,470	2,531	2.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	14,484	14,481	13,911	0.0	4.1	11,328	11,182	12,145	1.3	-6.7
Durable Goods	7,382	7,397	7,084	-0.2	4.2	9,057	8,940	9,992	1.3	-9.4
Nondurable Goods	7,102	7,084	6,827	0.3	4.0	2,271	2,242	2,153	1.3	5.5
Service Producing	57,757	59,554	56,883	-3.0	1.5	56,035	57,004	55,305	-1.7	1.3
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,830	2,844	2,774	-0.5	2.0	1,985	1,985	2,002	0.0	-0.8
Trade	23,715	23,853	23,354	-0.6	1.5	14,900	15,022	14,133	-0.8	5.4
Wholesale Trade	4,250	4,215	4,069	0.8	4.4	1,835	1,845	1,896	-0.5	-3.2
Retail Trade	19,465	19,638	19,285	-0.9	0.9	13,065	13,177	12,237	-0.8	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,391	2,424	2,398	-1.4	-0.3	1,943	1,946	1,912	-0.2	1.6
Services	18,584	18,657	18,201	-0.4	2.1	30,793	30,713	30,895	0.3	-0.3
Health Services	5,853	5,884	5,868	-0.5	-0.3	19,896	19,775	20,313	0.6	-2.1
Other Services	12,731	12,773	12,333	-0.3	3.2	10,897	10,938	10,582	-0.4	3.0
Government	10,237	11,776	10,156	-13.1	0.8	6,414	7,338	6,363	-12.6	0.8

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	52,572	52,384	51,982	0.4	1.1	102,025	102,314	102,000	-0.3	0.0
Goods Producing	5,086	5,091	5,212	-0.1	-2.4	18,014	18,040	17,502	-0.1	2.9
Mining	Combined with construction					5,382	5,391	5,001	-0.2	7.6
Construction	1,808	1,793	1,749	0.8	3.4	4,151	4,170	4,117	-0.5	0.8
Manufacturing	3,278	3,298	3,463	-0.6	-5.3	8,481	8,479	8,384	0.0	1.2
Durable Goods	1,235	1,225	1,341	0.8	-7.9	4,682	4,643	4,580	0.8	2.2
Nondurable Goods	2,043	2,073	2,122	-1.4	-3.7	3,799	3,836	3,804	-1.0	-0.1
Service Producing	47,486	47,293	46,770	0.4	1.5	84,011	84,274	84,498	-0.3	-0.6
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	3,146	3,152	3,337	-0.2	-5.7	5,920	5,951	6,398	-0.5	-7.5
Trade	13,628	13,351	13,185	2.1	3.4	26,550	26,380	26,362	0.6	0.7
Wholesale Trade	2,121	2,098	1,930	1.1	9.9	4,198	4,150	4,189	1.2	0.2
Retail Trade	11,507	11,253	11,255	2.3	2.2	22,352	22,230	22,173	0.5	0.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,304	2,300	2,262	0.2	1.9	3,490	3,501	3,489	-0.3	0.0
Services	16,697	16,327	16,456	2.3	1.5	27,794	27,417	27,794	1.4	0.0
Health Services	7,281	7,183	7,099	1.4	2.6	11,388	11,285	11,358	0.9	0.3
Other Services	9,416	9,144	9,357	3.0	0.6	16,406	16,132	16,436	1.7	-0.2
Government	11,711	12,163	11,530	-3.7	1.6	20,257	21,025	20,455	-3.7	-1.0

Employer Survey of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MSA and Fargo/Moorhead MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MSA					Fargo/Moorhead MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jun 1994	Jul 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	46,600	47,300	45,200	-1.5	3.1	85,650	86,350	83,500	-0.8	2.6
Goods Producing	5,600	5,350	5,100	4.7	9.8	12,300	11,700	11,800	5.1	4.2
Construction and Mining	2,600	2,300	2,300	13.0	13.0	5,700	5,200	5,400	9.6	5.6
Manufacturing	3,000	3,050	2,800	-1.6	7.1	6,600	6,500	6,400	1.5	3.1
Durable Goods	1,200	1,250	1,100	-4.0	9.1	3,500	3,450	3,150	1.4	11.1
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0	5.9	3,100	3,050	3,250	1.6	-4.6
Service Producing	41,000	41,950	40,100	-2.3	2.2	73,350	74,650	71,700	-1.7	2.3
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,300	2,350	2,250	-2.1	2.2	4,600	4,650	4,700	-1.1	-2.1
Trade	12,400	12,500	12,400	-0.8	0.0	24,500	24,500	24,100	0.0	1.7
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,400	0.0	4.2	7,300	7,300	7,200	0.0	1.4
Retail Trade	9,900	10,000	10,000	-1.0	-1.0	17,200	17,200	16,900	0.0	1.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,650	1,650	1,550	0.0	6.5	5,450	5,400	5,350	0.9	1.9
Services	13,250	12,750	12,850	3.9	3.1	24,250	24,100	24,000	0.6	1.0
Health Services	4,800	4,700	4,700	2.1	2.1	8,400	8,500	8,700	-1.2	-3.4
Other Services	7,300	6,900	7,000	5.8	4.3	2,900	2,800	2,900	3.6	0.0
Government	11,400	12,700	11,050	-10.2	3.2	14,550	16,000	13,550	-9.1	7.4

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	130,457	130,248	128,102	122,452	122,430	119,370	8,005	7,817	8,732	6.1	6.0	6.8
(Unadjusted)	132,783	132,115	130,324	124,503	123,864	121,323	8,281	8,251	9,002	6.2	6.2	6.9
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,516,138	2,550,894	2,465,501	2,429,731	2,459,164	2,340,542	86,407	91,730	124,959	3.4	3.6	5.1
(Unadjusted)	2,556,176	2,597,621	2,505,868	2,475,487	2,495,968	2,385,342	80,689	101,653	120,526	3.2	3.9	4.8
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,574,986	1,587,359	1,537,228	1,532,326	1,533,821	1,470,313	42,660	53,538	66,915	2.7	3.4	4.4
Duluth-Superior MSA	119,115	120,005	117,994	113,078	112,264	110,283	6,037	7,741	7,711	5.1	6.5	6.5
St. Cloud MSA	88,582	90,065	86,237	85,602	86,520	82,222	2,980	3,545	4,015	3.4	3.9	4.7
Rochester MSA	66,265	67,235	65,355	64,543	64,938	63,327	1,722	2,297	2,028	2.6	3.4	3.1
Grand Forks MSA	68,591	68,552	65,493	66,323	65,859	63,024	2,268	2,693	2,469	3.3	3.9	3.8
Fargo-Moorhead MSA	92,471	92,939	89,780	90,366	90,218	86,929	2,105	2,721	2,851	2.3	2.9	3.2
Region 1	49,127	51,178	49,126	46,915	48,299	46,052	2,212	2,879	3,074	4.5	5.6	6.3
Kittson	2,454	2,618	2,554	2,343	2,474	2,403	111	144	151	4.5	5.5	5.9
Marshall	4,526	4,859	4,844	4,179	4,420	4,373	347	439	471	7.7	9.0	9.7
Norman	3,369	3,763	3,450	3,215	3,563	3,200	154	200	250	4.6	5.3	7.2
Pennington	7,404	7,741	7,168	7,109	7,369	6,719	295	352	449	4.0	4.5	6.3
Polk	21,265	21,652	20,883	20,347	20,363	19,702	918	1,289	1,181	4.3	6.0	5.7
Red Lake	1,942	2,119	2,008	1,769	1,902	1,767	173	217	241	8.9	10.2	12.0
Roseau	8,167	8,426	8,219	7,953	8,188	7,888	214	238	331	2.6	2.8	4.0
Region 2	32,912	34,590	32,949	31,185	32,270	30,380	1,727	2,320	2,569	5.2	6.7	7.8
Beltrami	16,923	17,769	16,931	16,040	16,595	15,723	883	1,174	1,208	5.2	6.6	7.1
Clearwater	3,460	3,867	3,733	3,127	3,411	3,170	333	456	563	9.6	11.8	15.1
Hubbard	6,978	7,312	7,022	6,692	6,923	6,560	286	389	462	4.1	5.3	6.6
Lake of the Woods	2,204	2,294	2,202	2,144	2,208	2,127	60	86	75	2.7	3.7	3.4
Mahnomen	3,347	3,348	3,061	3,182	3,133	2,800	165	215	261	4.9	6.4	8.5
Region 3	151,656	154,941	151,496	143,242	143,970	140,328	8,414	10,971	11,168	5.5	7.1	7.4
Aitkin	5,528	5,901	5,384	5,166	5,423	4,854	362	478	530	6.5	8.1	9.8
Carlton	15,508	15,713	14,810	14,648	14,581	13,756	860	1,132	1,054	5.5	7.2	7.1
Cook	3,023	3,013	2,933	2,936	2,898	2,841	87	115	92	2.9	3.8	3.1
Itasca	18,083	19,357	19,007	16,384	17,141	16,970	1,699	2,216	2,037	9.4	11.4	10.7
Koochiching	6,218	6,627	6,659	5,741	6,014	6,006	477	613	653	7.7	9.3	9.8
Lake	5,627	5,803	5,605	5,405	5,491	5,249	222	312	356	3.9	5.4	6.4
St. Louis	97,669	98,527	97,098	92,962	92,422	90,652	4,707	6,105	6,446	4.8	6.2	6.6
City of Duluth	43,299	43,614	42,803	41,349	41,109	40,322	1,950	2,505	2,481	4.5	5.7	5.8
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	54,370	54,913	54,295	51,613	51,313	50,330	2,757	3,600	3,965	5.1	6.6	7.3
Region 4	103,154	105,633	99,722	99,643	101,098	94,398	3,511	4,535	5,324	3.4	4.3	5.3
Becker	13,331	12,998	12,393	12,637	12,151	11,174	694	847	1,219	5.2	6.5	9.8
Clay	28,450	29,019	28,316	27,639	27,810	27,093	811	1,209	1,223	2.9	4.2	4.3
Douglas	15,526	16,175	15,036	15,015	15,533	14,313	511	642	723	3.3	4.0	4.8
Grant	3,174	3,348	2,918	3,089	3,240	2,749	85	108	169	2.7	3.2	5.8
Otter Tail	26,714	27,343	25,217	25,793	26,217	23,861	921	1,126	1,356	3.4	4.1	5.4
Pope	5,086	5,255	5,266	4,937	5,048	5,021	149	207	245	2.9	3.9	4.7
Stevens	5,236	5,642	5,128	5,103	5,490	4,945	133	152	183	2.5	2.7	3.6
Traverse	1,763	1,932	1,751	1,706	1,855	1,658	57	77	93	3.2	4.0	5.3
Wilkin	3,874	3,921	3,697	3,724	3,754	3,584	150	167	113	3.9	4.3	3.1
Region 5	69,653	71,738	65,888	66,582	67,908	61,482	3,071	3,830	4,406	4.4	5.3	6.7
Cass	11,421	11,774	10,611	10,816	11,069	9,708	605	705	903	5.3	6.0	8.5
Crow Wing	26,626	27,585	24,497	25,638	26,237	23,011	988	1,348	1,486	3.7	4.9	6.1
Morrison	14,727	15,227	14,341	14,010	14,300	13,282	717	927	1,059	4.9	6.1	7.4
Todd	10,770	10,944	10,456	10,268	10,374	9,832	502	570	624	4.7	5.2	6.0
Wadena	6,109	6,208	5,983	5,850	5,928	5,649	259	280	334	4.2	4.5	5.6
Region 6E	59,329	60,232	58,286	57,071	57,623	55,256	2,258	2,609	3,030	3.8	4.3	5.2
Kandiyohi	20,184	20,794	19,834	19,551	19,992	19,000	633	802	834	3.1	3.9	4.2
McLeod	20,619	20,504	19,771	19,819	19,756	18,836	800	748	935	3.9	3.6	4.7
Meeker	9,679	9,712	9,735	9,270	9,186	9,075	409	526	660	4.2	5.4	6.8
Renville	8,847	9,222	8,946	8,431	8,689	8,345	416	533	601	4.7	5.8	6.7
Region 6W	25,400	26,481	24,165	24,629	25,455	23,117	771	1,026	1,048	3.0	3.9	4.3
Big Stone	2,789	2,863	2,851	2,702	2,742	2,723	87	121	128	3.1	4.2	4.5
Chippewa	6,908	7,072	6,149	6,681	6,792	5,867	227	280	282	3.3	4.0	4.6
Lac Qui Parle	3,970	4,238	3,943	3,867	4,077	3,814	103	161	129	2.6	3.8	3.3
Swift	5,254	5,587	4,846	5,077	5,395	4,628	177	192	218	3.4	3.4	4.5
Yellow Medicine	6,479	6,721	6,376	6,302	6,449	6,085	177	272	291	2.7	4.0	4.6

*Note: State, regional and local estimates from past months (shown in tables on pages 6 and 7) may be revised from figures previously published.

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993	Jul 1994	Jun 1994	Jul 1993
Region 7E	59,621	60,754	60,141	57,250	57,667	56,512	2,371	3,087	3,629	4.0	5.1	6.0
Chisago	16,631	16,822	16,277	16,132	16,152	15,479	499	670	798	3.0	4.0	4.9
Isanti	13,836	13,978	13,564	13,394	13,410	12,852	442	568	712	3.2	4.1	5.2
Kanabec	6,625	6,844	6,803	6,276	6,363	6,194	349	481	609	5.3	7.0	9.0
Mille Lacs	10,070	10,170	11,158	9,613	9,615	10,493	457	555	665	4.5	5.5	6.0
Pine	12,459	12,940	12,339	11,835	12,127	11,494	624	813	845	5.0	6.3	6.8
Region 7W	153,543	155,605	149,990	148,898	149,894	142,955	4,645	5,711	7,035	3.0	3.7	4.7
Benton	18,239	18,589	17,765	17,633	17,822	16,937	606	767	828	3.3	4.1	4.7
Sherburne	24,930	25,173	24,516	24,277	24,307	23,294	653	866	1,222	2.6	3.4	5.0
Stearns	70,343	71,476	68,472	67,969	68,698	65,285	2,374	2,778	3,187	3.4	3.9	4.7
Wright	40,031	40,367	39,237	39,019	39,067	37,439	1,012	1,300	1,798	2.5	3.2	4.6
Region 8	63,958	66,951	63,300	61,695	64,808	60,233	2,263	2,143	3,067	3.5	3.2	4.8
Cottonwood	6,209	6,781	6,223	5,705	6,474	5,524	504	307	699	8.1	4.5	11.2
Jackson	6,073	6,053	5,615	5,753	5,767	5,282	320	286	333	5.3	4.7	5.9
Lincoln	3,313	3,497	3,148	3,212	3,357	2,993	101	140	155	3.0	4.0	4.9
Lyon	14,680	15,738	14,733	14,283	15,346	14,332	397	392	401	2.7	2.5	2.7
Murray	4,663	4,767	4,642	4,453	4,589	4,410	210	178	232	4.5	3.7	5.0
Nobles	10,288	10,455	10,489	9,977	10,154	10,034	311	301	455	3.0	2.9	4.3
Pipestone	4,972	5,169	4,855	4,869	5,028	4,618	103	141	237	2.1	2.7	4.9
Redwood	8,757	9,221	8,847	8,552	8,961	8,432	205	260	415	2.3	2.8	4.7
Rock	5,003	5,270	4,748	4,891	5,132	4,608	112	138	140	2.2	2.6	2.9
Region 9	117,199	120,954	116,814	113,786	116,674	111,366	3,413	4,280	5,448	2.9	3.5	4.7
Blue Earth	31,778	32,869	31,108	31,013	31,938	30,000	765	931	1,108	2.4	2.8	3.6
Brown	14,831	15,080	14,621	14,443	14,585	13,923	388	495	698	2.6	3.3	4.8
Faribault	8,051	8,416	8,112	7,790	8,064	7,668	261	352	444	3.2	4.2	5.5
Le Sueur	12,827	13,284	12,541	12,424	12,794	12,018	403	490	523	3.1	3.7	4.2
Martin	10,868	11,485	11,437	10,446	10,929	10,633	422	556	804	3.9	4.8	7.0
Nicollet	17,091	17,641	16,747	16,702	17,200	16,156	389	441	591	2.3	2.5	3.5
Sibley	6,862	6,991	6,994	6,556	6,624	6,514	306	367	480	4.5	5.2	6.9
Waseca	9,044	8,994	9,207	8,756	8,647	8,756	288	347	451	3.2	3.9	4.9
Watonwan	5,847	6,194	6,047	5,656	5,893	5,698	191	301	349	3.3	4.9	5.8
Region 10	241,021	247,423	238,406	233,293	237,300	228,301	7,728	10,123	10,105	3.2	4.1	4.2
Dodge	8,846	9,559	8,551	8,494	9,113	8,127	352	446	424	4.0	4.7	5.0
Fillmore	10,033	10,659	10,064	9,678	10,207	9,543	355	452	521	3.5	4.2	5.2
Freeborn	16,043	17,150	17,550	15,113	15,839	16,610	930	1,311	940	5.8	7.6	5.4
Goodhue	24,390	24,827	23,981	23,617	23,831	22,954	773	996	1,027	3.2	4.0	4.3
Houston	10,445	10,478	10,044	10,149	10,237	9,683	296	241	361	2.8	2.3	3.6
Mower	18,885	19,540	18,446	18,317	18,776	17,752	568	764	694	3.0	3.9	3.8
Olmsted	66,265	67,235	65,355	64,543	64,938	63,327	1,722	2,297	2,028	2.6	3.4	3.1
City of Rochester	44,520	45,263	43,974	43,205	43,469	42,391	1,315	1,794	1,583	3.0	4.0	3.6
Rice	27,930	29,133	27,963	26,961	27,851	26,607	969	1,282	1,356	3.5	4.4	4.8
Steele	18,236	18,259	17,356	17,666	17,544	16,612	570	715	744	3.1	3.9	4.3
Wabasha	11,217	11,454	11,007	10,862	10,978	10,565	355	476	442	3.2	4.2	4.0
Winona	28,731	29,129	28,089	27,893	27,986	26,521	838	1,143	1,568	2.9	3.9	5.6
Region 11	1,429,600	1,441,137	1,395,583	1,391,296	1,392,999	1,334,960	38,304	48,138	60,623	2.7	3.3	4.3
Anoka	158,001	159,421	154,677	153,645	153,833	147,424	4,356	5,588	7,253	2.8	3.5	4.7
Carver	31,416	31,632	30,561	30,732	30,770	29,488	684	862	1,073	2.2	2.7	3.5
Dakota	183,979	185,339	178,935	179,524	179,744	172,255	4,455	5,595	6,680	2.4	3.0	3.7
Hennepin	644,458	649,615	630,372	626,546	627,313	601,176	17,912	22,302	29,196	2.8	3.4	4.6
City of Bloomington	57,145	57,534	55,705	55,573	55,641	53,323	1,572	1,893	2,382	2.8	3.3	4.3
City of Minneapolis	213,046	215,146	208,740	206,043	206,295	197,700	7,003	8,851	11,040	3.3	4.1	5.3
Ramsey	282,256	284,699	274,864	274,418	274,754	263,306	7,838	9,945	11,558	2.8	3.5	4.2
City of St. Paul	147,843	149,324	144,375	142,886	143,061	137,100	4,957	6,263	7,275	3.4	4.2	5.0
Scott	36,882	37,124	36,038	35,977	36,021	34,520	905	1,103	1,518	2.5	3.0	4.2
Washington	92,608	93,307	90,136	90,454	90,564	86,791	2,154	2,743	3,345	2.3	2.9	3.7

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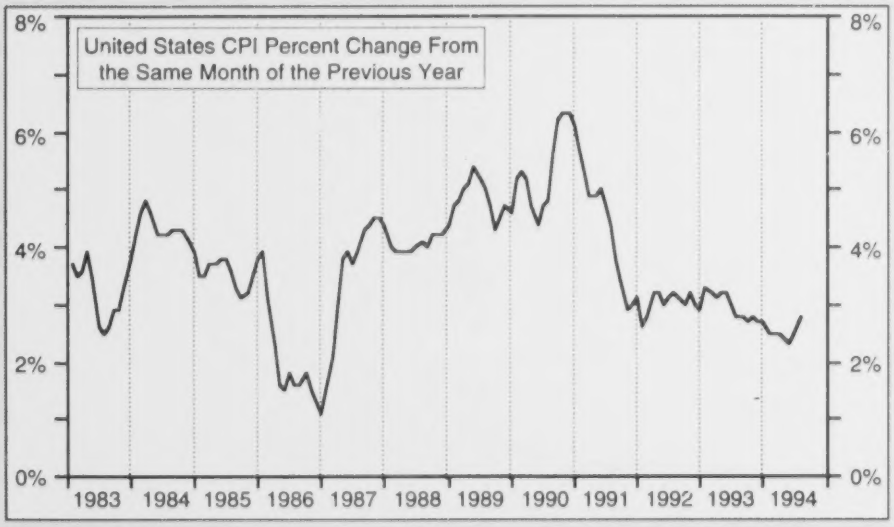

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Nov	2.7
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Annual Average	3.0
1994	
Jan	2.5
Feb	2.5
Mar	2.5
Apr	2.4
May	2.3
Jun	2.5
Jul	2.8

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